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**ELIZABETHTOWN WOMAN INDICTED FOR AIDING FORT KNOX SOLDIER IN
ATTEMPTING TO DESERT U.S. ARMY**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Louisville, Kentucky **returned an Indictment** charging **VIRGINIA L. JOHNSON**, age 36, of 2911 South Wilson Street, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, in Hardin County, with aiding a Fort Knox soldier in attempting to desert the United States Army.

The Indictment alleges that on August 5, 2006, **Johnson** assisted Private First Class Steven R. Hart, a soldier assigned to Fort Knox, in attempting to desert the U.S.. Army. The Indictment further alleges that the following day, **Johnson** knowingly and willfully made a false statement to a Fort Knox Military Police Investigator who was investigating the matter.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are 8 years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 4 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Dan E. Stigall, and it was investigated by the United States Army, Fort Knox Military Police Investigations Section.

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Johnson is scheduled to appear for arraignment before a United States Magistrate Judge on September 19, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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